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Supportive group

This spring, a golf tournament benefitting the Family Support Group (FSG) at DPS adopted the name of "The Governors' Cup" in honor of Arizona Governors Rose Mofford, Janet Napolitano and Jane Dee Hull. The three, who will chair this year's tournament, agreed to this caricature that will appear on coffee cups and pins that will be sold. Personally-autographed prints of the caricature will also be sold with all proceeds going to the FSG.



Family Support Group golf tourney becomes 'Governors' Cup'

Since its inception four years ago, the mid September golf tournament benefitting the Family Support Group at DPS has been quite successful and popular, even surpassing the wildest dreams of its organizers and supporters.

This year, the tournament for the first time has an officially-registered trademark name – The Governors' Cup – in honor of Arizona Governors Rose Mofford, Jane Dee Hull, and Janet Napolitano.

This year's foray, scheduled for an 8 a.m. shotgun start Saturday, Sept. 13, as expected already has a full field who will compete for a number of prizes in the tournament which features 36 foursomes (144 golfers) playing in a scramble format.

"The success of this tournament has surprised almost everyone involved in it," said Lt. Col. Bill Reutter who played a key role in getting the tournament off the launching pad four years ago. "We always knew we would have people who wanted to participate, but we didn't realize that the business community would get behind this as well as it has.

"I think a lot of the support we receive from the business community is a tribute to

Gov. Mofford who really sells this tournament. She gets out there and shakes the bushes in drumming up corporate support for the tournament.

Reutter, assistant director of the Highway Patrol Division, said Mofford is truly a big advocate of the Family Support Group, and has been since its inception some 12 years ago.

"Gov. Mofford, Gov. Hull and Gov. Napolitano all realize that the Family Support Group has been of tremendous value to those in need at the Department," Reutter said. "They have always been very supportive of the Department and the Family Support Group. We just thought that naming this tournament in their honor was the right thing to do."

Sgt. Jack Bell, who also has played a pivotal role in the development of the tournament, says the new name has drawn considerable new sponsorship interest.

"Few people realize that Arizona is the first state in U.S. history to have three women serve as governor," Bell said. "And, of course, these three women served consecutively.

"Because of this and the fact that they

all are very supportive of DPS and the Family Support Group, we thought it would be nice to have the tournament known as 'The Governors' Cup.' It's unique; nothing else in Arizona has this name. We also believe that over the years, this could develop into a very prestigious event."

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From Director
Dennis Garrett's

Vantage Point

Although there were some setbacks for the Department during this past legislative session, it could have been worse. I know this may sound like a company line or a broken record, but it really isn't.

Certainly, it's going to be another tight fiscal year for all state agencies, not just DPS. But, the approximate \$142 million general budget appropriation we are scheduled to receive should allow the Department to continue our mission of serving and protecting the people of this fine state.

When the legislature first convened in January of primary concern to this agency and others was the possibility of layoffs. When the legislature first began discussion on how to resolve a \$1 billion budgetary crisis, layoffs of state personnel was a genuine concern. Fortunately, this did not occur.

A major positive in this budget is the \$6.8 million we received that will allow the Department to continue a program of replacing many of our "miled out" patrol cars. Most of the vehicles that have been targeted for replacement have odometer readings in excess of 100,000 miles. It is our plan to replace some 200 of these mileage-challenged patrol vehicles.

Additionally, with the funding we received, we plan to obtain another helicopter through a lease-purchase contract. This addition will allow us to maintain a replacement helicopter within our fleet.

Of course, our most disappointing setback was the failure to get our officer parity compensation plan through the legislature. If we are to remain competitive in the recruitment of new officers while retaining those already with us, we must have a mandate that guarantees DPS salaries will be among the top five highest in the state. We will work closely with members of the legislature on this issue before the next legislative regular session begins in January.

At the executive staff level, we also have not forgotten about compensation issues involving our civilian employees. Once the classification/compensation working group completes its study, we will take the appropriate measures in order to develop a course of action to follow concerning civilian compensation issues.

As for the future, it's still too early to tell, but there are indications that the economy of this nation, as well as this state, may be improving. It's not going to be a quick recovery, but once it begins, it will be much appreciated. These have been trying times for all involved.

DPS unveils new web site

The new DPS web site made its debut on July 1 and is accessible at www.dps.state.az.us.

The site was modeled after a guide provided by the Government Information Technology Agency (GITA) in response to Gov. Janet Napolitano's request that agencies consult with GITA on all web site development initiatives, said Dan Shuba, DPS web master.

"The new site is one part of our overall plan this year to widen access to the extraordinary services and materials here at DPS," said

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In honor of the three governors, Bell said a caricature print featuring the three was developed by Gov. Mofford and 300 copies will be sold at \$200 each during the tournament.

"Each print will be personally autographed by each of the three governors, and those purchasing the prints will receive a certificate of authenticity," Bell said. "These prints are considered collectible items because of Arizona's status of being the first state to have three women governors."

In support of this event, Bell said lapel pins depicting caricatures of the three governors are available for \$5. The pins can be purchased from Bell or Betty Gallery of the HPD staff in suite 365 at DPS state headquarters.

Coffee cups, priced at \$15 and featuring the caricatures and the DPS shoulder patch, also will be available by tournament time, Bell said, adding that all proceeds from these sales will go to the Family Support Group.

"To my knowledge, this is the first time a DPS shoulder patch has appeared on a coffee cup," said Bell, an administrative sergeant to Reutter.

Bell said Mofford and Napolitano plan to attend the tournament, but Hull will be unable to because of a prior out-of-state commitment that September weekend. "Gov. Mofford, however, will be a course 'ranger' and will be wearing a vest with a big 'R' on it," Bell said.

Bell said the tournament committee also is seeking support in other areas.

"Even if you are not a golfer, your support is needed in gathering raffle items, assisting with the auction, or just helping out to show people that this is truly a DPS family event," Bell said. "We need all the help we can get."

Bell said among the auction items will be golf clubs, athletic items, collectibles and Kachina dolls.

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'Unable-to-find' items at DPS weren't as many as Phoenix TV report indicated

In early April, DPS Director Dennis Garrett issued an encouraging message to all DPS employees who helped complete a special inventory of departmental equipment.

The primary reason for Garrett's message was to congratulate DPS employees for locating a substantial amount of the agency's equipment that had been previously listed on DPS' inventory records as "unable-to-locate" or "UTL".

Garrett ordered agency employees to begin the special inventory process several months earlier after a Phoenix-area television news station broadcast a story indicating that DPS was missing some expensive equipment worth millions of dollars.

The TV news broadcast was described by some at DPS as a somewhat inaccurate tabloid-type news story based on incomplete information the TV station had obtained from DPS inventory records listing UTLs at the Department.

Following the news story, DPS employees quickly began the unscheduled inventory in an effort to prove that a large amount of the agency's equipment was not actually missing, but had inaccurately been listed as UTL on the records the news station obtained.

Judy Kehowski, an administrative supervisor within DPS' Logistics Bureau, said the special inventory project turned out to be extremely successful.

Kehowski said the inventory revealed that DPS, as expected, was actually missing very few of the nearly 20,000 items listed in its inventory. It also resulted in updated, accurate inventory records.

The final results revealed 18,611 capital equipment records at DPS and 292 (or 1.57 percent) unable-to-locate items. Every item worth more than \$4,999 was accounted for and tracked.

Kehowski said that the 1.57-percent UTL level is possibly the lowest UTL level the agency has ever seen.

The inventory also revealed that the few missing items had no significant value, a far cry from the "millions of dollars" in equipment the news station reported as missing.

As a result of the successful inventory conducted by DPS employees, Kehowski said the agency will have a reprieve from conducting its regular annual inventory until April 2004.

The Department of Administration granted the special reprieve to DPS after it was requested by the DPS director. DPS was grateful for the reprieve because the annual

inventory process can be a long, arduous process, Kehowski said.

By the time the next scheduled capital inventory rolls around, Kehowski said the agency hopes to have a system in place that will make the tedious process easier to conduct and more accurate.

In addition, Kehowski said the Logistics Bureau has reviewed some of the flaws in the Capital Inventory System and is presently working with Information Technology to make programming changes to allow for updating and maintaining an accurate capital equipment inventory.

This new programing will accurately reflect "depreciated value" of assets rather than initial cost, and the disposition of equipment removed from the inventory.

Once these changes are completed, Kehowski said a bar-code scanning program will be interfaced with the current inventory system. A bar-code scanning system will make the annual inventory dramatically easier and more efficient, Kehowski said.

Employees can help ensure accuracy in maintaining DPS inventory system

Judy Kehowski, an administrative supervisor within DPS' Logistics Bureau, said the Department of Administration (DOA) requires state agencies to record and track all equipment that costs \$4,999 or more.

She also said DOA requires state agencies to record and track all equipment that it believes can be easily lost or stolen.

In addition to equipment that the Department of Administration requires state agencies to track, Kehowski said each agency can develop its own additional requirements for internal equipment tracking.

DPS, for example, requires employees to track all equipment costing \$1,000 or more as well as some items below \$1,000 that can be easily lost or stolen. Some of these items include computer scanners, digital cameras, video recorders and weapons.

Kehowski said employees can contribute to the accuracy of agency inventory records by reporting all location changes.

When an officer or civilian employee moves to another area, section, or district, Kehowski said the equipment taken with them should be promptly recorded as a location change.

She said such a procedure will help keep the integrity of the system intact until modifications can be completed in the inventory

Retired DPS Sgt. Ray Carson dies at home in Alpine

Retired DPS Sgt. Raymond L. Carson, 70, who earned a Purple Heart Medal among other honors while serving with the U.S. Army in the Korean War, died July 4 at his home near Alpine.

Sgt. Carson, badge no. 285, began his career with the Arizona Highway Patrol on Aug. 1, 1965 in Ajo. After his promotion to sergeant, he spent considerable time in cadet training. He retired from DPS as a sergeant based in Gila Bend on June 30, 1986.

Prior to DPS, the Bernie, Mo., native, was employed as a policeman by the City of Winslow and later with the Phoenix Police Department.

Before his law enforcement career, Sgt. Carson worked as a welder for General Motors in Pontiac, Mich. After GM, he became a truck driver and later, a licensed insurance agent.

system which will automatically capture this information at the time of the location change.

The practice will also make the next inventory process much easier to conduct, Kehowski said.

Web page ...

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Lt. Col. David Felix, assistant director of the Criminal Justice Support Bureau. "As well as having a cleaner and more vibrant appearance, the site's updated navigation will help site visitors find the information they are looking for quickly.

"The Information Technology team has done a wonderful job of making the web site user-friendly and highly informative. The main goal was to produce a state-of-the-art site that complies with all current statewide and federal standards for accessibility."

Shuba said the purpose of the format is to preserve and expand Arizona's Internet communications in a way that will be consistent and compatible with its overall digital identify.

Assisting Shuba with the development of the web site was David D'Amour, a DPS computer network analyst.



Kingman visit

Roscoe Baker (standing right), who retired from DPS in 1991, receives a lapel pin from J.R. Ham, president of the Coalition of DPS Retirees, last May in Kingman. Several members of the Coalition and other DPS retirees met in Kingman to visit and have lunch with Baker and other retired officers.

Budget will be tight, but DPS comptroller believes it's not all 'gloom and doom'

Although there are some disappointments associated with the past legislative session, DPS Comptroller Phil Case said the general operating budget the Department is anticipating for fiscal year 2004 is not all "gloom and doom" even though it will be another tight fiscal year for the agency.

Case said the Department expects a general operating budget in the neighborhood of \$142 million once the budget approved in mid June by the Arizona State Legislature is finalized by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee when it issues its appropriations report sometime.

"One bright spot was that we were able to maintain the \$6.8 million we have budgeted for replacing 200 patrol vehicles," Case said. "We also received \$1.2 million in funding to continue our mobile data computer project of equipping our patrol cars with state-of-the-art computers. We also are budgeted \$800,000 for the lease-purchase of another helicopter and \$500,000 for an engine overhaul for the King Air B-200 airplane.

"By any standards, having these equipment items funded is a true positive, particularly when considering the budget crisis the legislature was faced with this year.

"One thing that tends to go during a budget crisis is one-time funding, and the legislature views equipment as one-time funding. We were lucky to get about \$10 million in equipment funding, and, believe me, we consider this a success."

Case said the biggest disappointment was the demise of the Department's proposal for a statute that would create an officer parity compensation fund. The proposal was defeated May 5 by a floor vote in the state House of Representatives.

If the bill had become statute, it would have established a fund to be utilized by the Department to annually adjust salaries of all sworn DPS personnel to an average based on the five highest salaries of city or county law enforcement organizations statewide.

However, the bill did not identify a funding source, Case said.

"Obviously, this was our biggest disappointment because this is a real need," the DPS comptroller said. "Our employees, sworn and civilian, need to see regular pay increases so that our agency can remain competitive in regards to compensation issues."

Despite this setback in the officer parity compensation issue, Case said DPS overall fared better than most state agencies.

"Our cuts were not as severe as experienced by some of the other state agencies," the DPS comptroller said. "Some agencies saw their budgets cut by as much as 20 percent.

"Our budget remains about the same as the 2003 budget. But keep in mind that our '03 budget was trimmed early in the fiscal year by almost \$10 million, or about seven percent. Even though this was a pretty sub-

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Health insurance open enrollment awaits DPS retirees

Starting Aug. 18 and continuing through Sept. 12, all DPS retirees who have insurance with the Arizona Department of Administration's (ADOA) Saguario Program (CIGNA) are eligible to participate in open enrollment.

"If satisfied with your current coverage, you do not need to do anything. Your coverage will continue 'as is' with no action necessary," said J.R. Ham, president of the Coalition of DPS Retirees. "If, for some reason, you desire to change your CIGNA program or enroll in a different dental program, you will need to participate in the open enrollment. There are no changes in the coverage. The programs are the same with both medical (CIGNA) and dental (Delta/Metlife, etc.)

"You either have received or will receive an open enrollment package from ADOA. In the event that you need to change your coverage, this package gives you instructions on how to accomplish this. The enrollment will be by using the ADOA Internet web site or the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) phone system.

"If you do not change your coverage or you are able to change your coverage by using ADOA instructions, the following does not apply to you, but if you need further assistance, the ADOA has enabled DPS to provide assistance to you."

During open enrollment, Ham said each DPS district office will be able to assist retirees.

The following are the DPS sites and personnel to contact:

Kingman, District 1: 928-753-5552 - Roberta Shaeffer;

Flagstaff, District 2: 928-773-3628 - Dawn Celis;

Holbrook, District 3: 928-524-6177 - Charlie Cleveland;

Yuma, District 4: 928-782-1679 - Antonia Flores;

Casa Grande, District 6: 520-836-1057 - Renee Mitchell;

Tucson, District 8: 520-746-4500 - Stacey Talakte or Cheryl Holliday;

Sierra Vista, District 9: 520-458-8301 - Bobbi Gilchrist;

Globe, District 11: 928-425-8515 - Donna Atkinson or Monika Hart;

Prescott, District 12: 928-778-3271 - Kitty Shankwitz or Deanna Woods;

Phoenix, DPS Human Resources: 602-223-2147 - Bev Fuller.

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stantial cut, we were able to get through the year without any personnel layoffs.”

Case said the Department was able to soften the impact of reductions in its general operating budget through an increase in Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) and other state highway user funds.

This year, the Department also will have access to \$8.2 million from the newly-created County Transportation Contribution Fund along with an increase in HURF monies to help offset this year's tighter than normal budgetary picture.

As for the future, Case believes the scenario for fiscal year 2005 will be more of the same, but possibly not as drastic as what the state has witnessed in the past three years.

“Revenues still are short although the state did have a good May and June in regards to revenue,” Case said. “Recently, there have been some positive indications that we are starting to crawl out of this recession. But revenues remain short and there is a question whether the economy will improve enough to offset the deficit the state faces next fiscal year.

“The state is probably facing less than a \$400 million deficit for fiscal year 2005, considerably less than the approximate \$1 billion deficit it faced this fiscal year. \$400 million, however, is quite substantial. In reality, I expect another tight year and we will have to apply our resources very carefully.”

Another key area of concern is the cost of health insurance.

“It's a virtual certainty that the total cost for the state's health insurance contract will increase,” Case said. “The questions are how much and how will that increase be split between the state and the employee? The difference depends on how much money the legislature sets aside in the budget for health care increases.”

As expected, health care insurance premiums did increase 13 percent, but the state absorbed the increase. Moderate increases were expected for dental and supplemental insurance premiums.

Case said in an effort to raise \$45 million for health care and retirement system cost increases, the legislature took 75 percent of “growth money” that the courts collect through various means.

“The problem, as we see it, is that it will impact the revenue growth in some funds such as the monies we receive from the Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF),” Case explained. “Effected will be such programs as the automated fingerprint identification

system, the expansion of the Crime Lab's DNA data base and to some extent POST, which is a separate agency, but that money still flows through DPS accounts.

“We will lose 75 percent of all new revenues, growth money. The legislature is using last fiscal year as a baseline so if a fund generated \$1 million in revenue for DPS last year and generates \$1.4 million in revenues this year, we will only get \$1.1 million because the state will get 75 percent of that \$400,000 increase.”

Case said that the Capitol Police will remain with the Department of Administration, and will not be transferred to DPS as it appeared for quite some time last year.

“The transfer simply didn't occur nor will there be a committee established to study the issue,” Case said. “I won't say it is a dead issue, but at this time there is no legislatively-sanctioned committee or process in place to review this issue.”

Case said the Department's liquor enforcement mandate will also be eliminated, effective Sept. 18.

“It was an interesting change that received very little attention, keeping in mind that since 1969 we have had a mandate to enforce liquor laws statewide. In September it becomes the sole responsibility of the Department of Liquor,” Case explained.

Case said the sex offender registration

monitoring budget also was axed from the general fund, adding that the Department will be allowed to charge fees to sex offenders in order to operate this registration system.

“We are skeptical that we will generate enough money to operate this program,” Case said. “We are looking at a substantial fee of about \$100 per year to be paid by the sex offender. We hope to address this problem during a special session of the state legislature, but right now there is no penalty for not paying this fee. There is no real hammer to enforce it.”

Case said this could become an item during a planned special session that will be called later this year to address prison overcrowding issues.

In other legislative issues, the Firearms Clearance Center at DPS, which closed last year, will not reopen; the Department won't be required to sell the King Air E-90 nor the Cessna 210 airplanes; DPS will not be required to recoup monies by charging agencies for crime lab services; and the agency will receive \$600,000 for replacement of some crime lab equipment.

The legislature also passed legislation that requires DPS personnel assigned to the Vehicle Theft Interdiction Task Force to be fully compensated through an existing Auto Theft Authority grant, saving the agency some \$300,000 in payroll contributions.

It was almost an instant replay for DPS Highway Patrol Officer Charles Truitt

Charles Truitt's life would be much simpler if people would just stop.

Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. As a result, the Sierra Vista-based Highway Patrol officer has a couple of very similar war stories to tell at family gatherings.

In the most recent episode, Truitt attempted to stop a van just east of Sierra Vista for unsafe lane usage. That attempted July 21 traffic stop on S.R. 90 ignited a pursuit that was terminated upon entering the city of Sierra Vista. It resumed south of the southeastern Arizona city when the vehicle was spotted again.

During this pursuit, Truitt said spikes were successfully deployed deflating the vehicle's front tires. Despite flattened tires, the suspect drove the vehicle onto a dirt road before stopping and fleeing on foot, leaving behind 1,734 pounds of marijuana and the 1999 van.

The driver was not found, Truitt said.

This pursuit was almost a carbon copy of one that occurred July 13 in nearly the same area of S.R. 90 when Truitt tried to stop a vehicle for speeding and illegible license plates.

Again the pursuit was terminated when it entered the Sierra Vista city limits only to resume a few minutes later as it left the city limits. Again, spikes were deployed successfully deflating the tires of the vehicle. The driver continued to flee until losing control of the vehicle.

During the ensuing rollover, the driver suffered minor injuries. Inside the suspect's vehicle, Truitt found 960 pounds of marijuana.

Also involved in both pursuits were officers from the Sierra Vista Police Department and the Cochise County Sheriff's Office. The driver was arrested and booked into the Cochise County Jail where he faces various drug-related charges.

Trujillo retires after nearly 31 years of service at DPS Crime Lab

Among his colleagues, Ed Trujillo is one of those rock-solid types – not flashy, very low key.

Simply put, the Phoenix native was awfully good and very respected in his chosen profession, a career that spanned 35 years, touching five decades.

Nearly 31 years ago, Trujillo left his position as a police chemist with the City of Phoenix to become a criminalist II with the DPS crime laboratory. At the time, the DPS crime lab was wading through a period of transformation that eventually would allow it to emerge as one of the most-respected crime labs in the country.

During his career at DPS, Trujillo ascended from the ranks of a mid-level forensics scientist to assistant scientific analysis superintendent, a position which allowed him to supervise the activities of the Central Regional Crime Laboratory and its staff of some 90 scientists and assistants.

As a criminalist, Trujillo was involved in a number of forensic science disciplines including drug analysis, blood alcohol, serology and trace evidence. It was during this time that he received recognition for establishing a comprehensive trace analysis capability at the DPS facility.

Trujillo never was one to grab the banner of publicity and wave it. But during his career at DPS, he was a pivotal witness in two of this state's more notorious homicides. During these two highly-publicized trials, his testimony didn't send the media into a frenzy although it did capture a few sporadic headlines. However, because of his expert testimony and his deftness at analyzing mountains of trace evidence, convicted murderers Donald Beaty and Alvie Kiles are today sitting on death row in Florence awaiting their execution dates.

Beaty was sentenced to death on July 20, 1985, for raping and murdering 13-year-old Christy Ann Fornoff.

Beaty was the custodian at a Tempe apartment complex when he abducted the young girl while she was collecting from her newspaper customers. After sexually assaulting her, he proceeded to suffocate her and hide her body in a closet. A few days later, he placed his young murder victim behind a trash bin near the apartment complex.

After Beaty was arrested and charged, it became Trujillo's mission to capture and analyze the trace evidence that would place Christy's body in Beaty's apartment.

"That case literally took two years out of my life," Trujillo said. "For two years, I did very little other than work on that case. Greg Thruston was a very demanding prosecutor



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and he wanted every scrap of evidence examined and evaluated. There was a ton of evidence on Beaty because this guy was simply a pig."

Trujillo said Beaty never cleaned the apartment which allowed the DPS forensic scientist to collect and document a substantial amount of evidence that linked Christy's presence in Beaty's apartment. Trujillo also proved that the suspect later used a sheet to wrap the young teen's body in before dumping her behind the trash bin.

"There were two trials," Trujillo said. "Unbelievably, the first one ended in a hung jury. He was convicted in the second trial and then sentenced. I understand that Beaty's execution may be coming up because the Attorney General's Office has requested DPS to conduct some additional DNA tests in regards to this case."

Trujillo said the Kiles case was "without a doubt among the most bizarre cases that I ever worked. It certainly was the most gruesome."

Trujillo said he was called to the murder scene in Yuma after officers found a woman and her two children beaten to death by a bumper jack, not a tire iron, the jack itself.

"It is my understanding that Kiles was on cocaine and was upset that the woman, who was his girlfriend, would not give him money to purchase more cocaine," Trujillo said. "Kiles was tried and convicted in 1989. He appealed about three years ago and was tried and convicted again."

During his career, Trujillo said there were some ups and downs especially in the early years of his career when he was employed at

the City of Phoenix crime lab.

"There was no promotional opportunity at the time, and I was dissatisfied with some of the attitudes I was encountering," Trujillo said. "During those first few years at Phoenix, the DPS crime lab was undergoing a reorganization. I came to DPS because of the challenge of being in on the ground floor of a developing and promising DPS crime lab operation. I also was excited about the promotional opportunities."

Before his career in forensics, Trujillo almost became a high school teacher. In fact, he had completed his student teaching and had signed a teaching contract in the Los Angeles area before changing his mind in the fall of 1968 to remain in Phoenix and begin his career in forensic science with the City of Phoenix.

Trujillo's first major promotion at DPS came in March 1991 when he became a supervising criminalist. A month later, he was appointed manager of the Eastern Regional Crime Lab in Mesa.

"While in Mesa, I did some crime scene work, but when I transferred back to Phoenix in 1995, things really got hectic," the Arizona State University and North High School graduate said. "I took over the drug analysis section about the time the big meth problem hit. We were so far behind, and we didn't have enough fully-trained personnel to work these cases."

"For a while, the backlog was almost unbelievable. I spent at least a third to half of my day answering phone calls, most wanting to know when their cases were going to be done. I tried to work cases, but it just really wasn't practical. Eventually, we were able to reduce the backlog to a point where it was manageable."

After moving into a management position, Trujillo said at first he missed working cases.

"But at the same time, I just felt I was ready to move on and do something else," Trujillo said. "About the only thing I regretted after going into management was the loss of contact with everyday technical expertise. Being in management is not like working a case where you have an end to it."

"But I liked being involved in the hiring process and I thought I was good at selecting employees. I sincerely believe that we have a great bunch of employees in the crime lab. I am proud that I had a role in the Department's success in developing one of the top crime laboratories in the United States."

In January 1999, Trujillo was promoted

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Legislature provides funding for 200 new Highway Patrol cars

Although five bills primarily supported by the Department received approval from the Arizona State Legislature, it was the two that didn't survive that dampened what otherwise is considered a successful legislative session for the Department.

Receiving approval from the 46th legislature were bills concerning fingerprint clearance issues, DUI rules, private investigator regulations, storage of accident records and extended coverage for occupational diseases that law enforcement officers may encounter.

"Overall, I think it was a fairly successful session for the agency," said Lt. Jack Lane, the Department's legislative liaison. "Of the seven bills we actively supported and pursued, five made it through. However, we were disappointed that the officer parity compensation fund bill failed as did legislation concerning use of 15-passenger vans by public schools. Because of the budgetary issues the legislature was facing this year, we knew going into this session that both pieces of legislation would be a tough sell."

The Department's proposal for a statute establishing an officer parity compensation fund made it deep into the regular session before being defeated May 5 on a floor vote conducted in the House of Representatives.

If successful, the statute would have established a source of revenue to be utilized by the Department to annually adjust salaries of all sworn DPS personnel to an average based on the five highest salaries of city or county law enforcement organizations statewide.

"Even though it failed, there is a 'silver lining' in regards to this issue," Lane said. "That 'silver lining' is the establishment of a legislative study committee to review the issues involved. This committee will begin meeting this summer and will continue to meet, perhaps into the next legislative session."

"The study committee will help educate the legislature on compensation issues involved in trying to remain competitive with other law enforcement agencies. I believe this study committee will be helpful when we pursue this legislation next session. The officer parity compensation bill will still be one of our top priorities during the next legislative session."

Lane added that it's possible that the study committee may look at the Department as a whole, including civilian compensation issues.

"Our civilians obviously go through a great deal more than other state employees in order to become employed by the Depart-

ment," Lane said. "Unlike most state employees, DPS civilian employees go through extensive background checks and polygraphs before they are hired. Once employed at DPS, many civilian employees are exposed to some very sensitive and confidential issues. Obviously, we would like the study committee to review the entire agency."

Legislation targeting the 15-passenger van never made it to a floor vote, either in the house or the senate. Present state law prohibits such vans to be used as school buses, but does allow them to be used to transport students to various school-related activities.

There is a belief within the Department, that 15-passenger vans are unsafe for the transportation of students and should not be used by school districts at any time.

"The federal government has already banned the sale of these vehicles to public institutions," Lane said. "On our own volition, we withdrew from pursuing such legislation only because it was obvious that it would not pass with any kind of teeth behind it. The schools believe the elimination and replacement of the 15-passenger vans would be cost prohibitive."

"Even though we knew it would be controversial because of the costs associated with replacing the vehicles, we felt it was important for us as an agency to bring forward the safety issues associated with those vehicles. We will continue to work on this in hopes of finding a solution to this problem."

One bill supported by DPS that passed was the revamping of the fingerprint clearance card program overseen by the Department.

"With this program, there were some issues that needed to be better defined," Lane said. "As an agency, we are responsible for the fingerprint background checks required by the Department of Economic Security, the state court system, Department of Health Services and the Department of Education. There are some very strict rules that we must follow and many people outside DPS were unsure about what we can or cannot do. This legislation paints a clearer picture of our responsibilities."

The legislature also agreed to transfer the regulatory responsibilities for DUI testing from the Department of Health Services to DPS with a provision that DHS rules remain in effect until superseded by those adopted by DPS.

The security guard/private investigators bill involves the revision of disciplinary actions to include licensees upon their release from prison, but revises a restriction relating

to the probationary status of an applicant.

The motor vehicles accident records legislation allows agencies the option to retain electronic copies of traffic reports in lieu of original hand-written reports.

A most-important piece of legislation that was okayed by lawmakers centers on the occupational diseases to which law enforcement officers might be exposed to while on the job.

"It was very important to us to get our HazMat and SWAT personnel covered under worker's compensation," Lane said. "That was a bill we worked on last year and it fell through the cracks and only firefighters were covered by it. This bill provides law enforcement officers with workman's compensation coverage should they be exposed to cancerous-type materials while on duty."

New law allows officers to decide on jury duty service

Under legislation passed during the 46th session of the Arizona legislature, peace officers in Arizona now have the choice to just say no or yes when it comes to jury duty.

This legislation is among many items affecting DPS that was approved by the legislature before adjourning June 12.

Among other bills receiving legislative approval were vehicle impoundment issues, reciprocity agreements pertaining to concealed weapons, retiree health insurance premiums, employee Internet access, and representative rights for peace officers.

"The jury duty bill allows an officer who makes timely application to be excused from jury duty," said Lt. Jack Lane, DPS liaison to the state legislature. "It also prohibits the agency from influencing how an officer deals with this issue."

Additionally, if someone wants to serve on a jury, they don't have to exempt themselves, Lane said.

"The vehicle impoundment legislation allows towing agencies to double their storage from \$5 to \$10 per day," Lane said, adding that it also transfers the post storage hearing responsibility from ADOT to the impounding agency.

"We already conduct some post towing hearings, mostly on abandoned vehicles. But, the statute deals mainly with post storage hearings involving DUI-related towing."

New legislation involving reciprocity concealed weapons agreements fine tunes

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DPS at a Glance

DPS Highway Patrol Officer Seth Meeske recently was honored by the Gila County Attorney's Office for superior service in the prosecution of criminal matters.

"Officer Meeske has received accolades from law enforcement and citizens alike for his service and courteous manner," said Gila County Attorney Daisy Flores. "He is among the top in his district for DUI and felony DUI arrests.

He has received accolades from law enforcement citizens alike for this service and courteous manner.,," Flores said.

Meeske, a fourth-year officer who patrols the Tonto Basin area, is the son of retired DPS Officer/Detective Ernie Meeske of Payson.

A retirement party was conducted July 25 in Phoenix for Debbie Lump who retired earlier this summer after 30 years of civil service.

Lump, who is married to retired DPS Officer Steve Lump, spent 25 years with DPS before accepting an administrative position with the state Department of Corrections in November 1998.

The Aspen Fire, which scorched nearly 100,000 acres of scenic timber and grass lands within the Santa Catalina Mountains north of Tucson, also consumed some 340 structures including a bed-and-breakfast establishment owned and operated by retired DPS Capt. Alex Carrillo.

Carrillo's structure was located in Summerhaven, a picturesque mountain community near the top of Mt. Lemmon that is popular with vacationers. Much of Summerhaven was destroyed by the man-caused fire that erupted June 17 and was accelerated by gusty winds and hotter than normal summer temperatures.

Shortly after midnight July 9, Highway Patrol Officer Bryce Peterson got the shock of his brief career with DPS.

When Peterson arrived at the site of what he thought was a brush fire on I-10 about 20 miles south of Phoenix, he grabbed a fire extinguisher and headed for the blaze. As the first-year officer approached the fire, he discovered that the blaze was actually a burning body.

The Duty Office reported evidence at the scene indicated a suicide. The Gila River Police Department assumed jurisdiction of the investigation.



Honoring Sgt. Tapia

Prior to national law enforcement week in May, DPS officers from District 8 (Tucson/Nogales) and members of Sgt. Manuel Tapia's family got together for the first "Sgt. Manuel Tapia Adopt a Highway" cleanup. The group cleared trash on a section of southbound I-19 a few miles north of Nogales. Sgt. Tapia was shot to death during a drug bust near downtown Nogales on Jan. 7, 1991.

DPS detectives participate in bust of ring suspected of smuggling 50 tons of dope

It was a law enforcement team effort that resulted in the arrest of more than 25 individuals suspected of being part of a drug ring responsible for transporting nearly 50 tons of marijuana from Arizona to various parts of the United States.

The ring, believed to have originated in the summer of 1999 and in operation through July 2001, used rental cars, delivery trucks and dump trucks to move drugs from Sierra Vista to Tucson, Phoenix and Casa Grande.

DPS Case Agent Joe Dopadre told the Duty Office that warrants were served in Arizona, California and New York City.

Dopadre said 35 people were indicted in those areas on felony charges. Twenty-seven were taken into custody during the July 9 coordinated operation that involved officers from DPS, FBI, DEA, the Bureau of

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Sierra Vista police and the Border Alliance Group.

Prosecutors said ring members working as drivers for Tucson furniture companies would make legitimate deliveries in the Sierra Vista area. After each legitimate delivery, they would pick up more than a ton of marijuana before heading back to Tucson. Once in Tucson, they would drop the marijuana at stash houses before returning the trucks to their employers. The employers, prosecutors said, had no knowledge or involvement in the transportation of the contraband.

All defendants were charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute more than 3,500 pounds of marijuana, Dopadre said.

Jack Johnson, Jr. heads sergeant's list

Officer Jack Johnson, Jr. tops the sergeant's promotional list following testing that was completed in June.

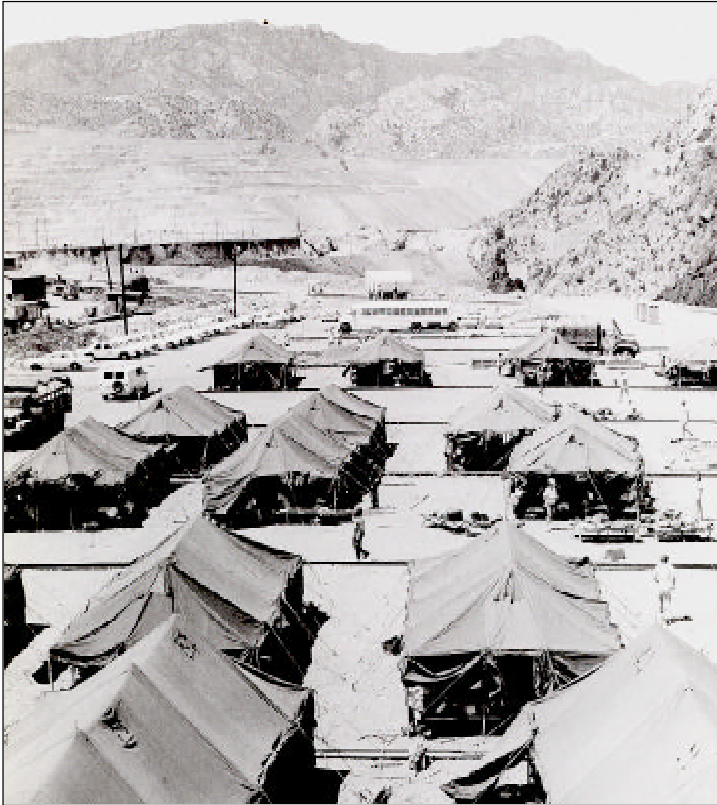
Second on the list of 26 was Officer Brian Preston while Officer Deston Coleman Jr. was third.

The list, to be used to fill current and future sergeant vacancies, will remain in effect until June 25, said Commander Coy Johnston, business manager for the Law Enforcement Merit System Council.

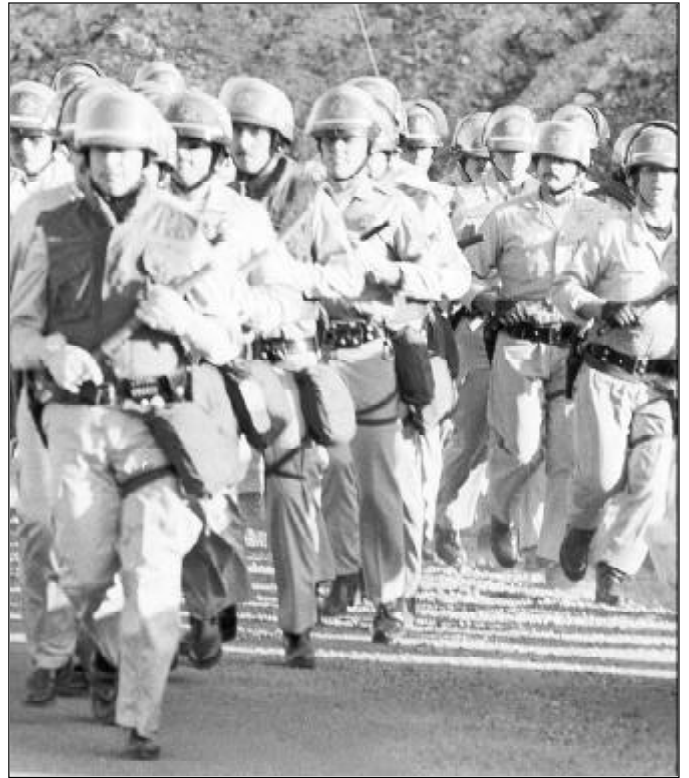
Other officers qualifying for the promo-

tional list for sergeant were Raymond Butler, 4; Michael Prochko, 5; William Beck, 6; Dallas Luttrell, 7; Kevin Wood, 8; Stephen Enteman, 9; Sheila Markwell, 10;

Paul Forch, 11; Tony Mapp, 12; Bart Massey, 13; Stephen Harrison, 14; Wayne Webb, 15; Michael Ransom, 16; Michael Lehar, 17; John Ortolano, 18; Christopher Romero, 19; Donald Allen, 20; Kevin Jex, 21; Dan Larimer, 22; Steve Shroufe, 23; Jeromy Bertram, 24; Eloy Ramirez, 25; and James Haas, 26.



Tent City at its finest



Responding on the double to a shift change



Moving up the hill between Clifton and Morenci

Morenci, Operation Big Mac, 20 years ago

Some 420 DPS officers rolled into Morenci during the early morning hours of Aug. 19, 1983, as part of a convoy consisting of more than 100 DPS and Arizona National Guard vehicles.

At the time, it was the largest mobilization of DPS officers in departmental history.

The early-morning arrival of the DPS officers and 300 support troops from the National Guard 20 years ago signaled the beginning of Operation Big MAC (Mob Action Control). Although Operation Big MAC proved peaceful such wasn't the case during the 1984 Cinco de Mayo weekend when violence erupted.

This show of force was designed to maintain law and order during a copper workers' strike against the Phelps Dodge Corporation.

After arriving in the area, DPS officers helped construct "Tent City," atop a tailings dump which was home for many DPS officers for about 10 days.

Earlier that month, some 100 DPS officers had been targets of verbal abuse and rocks hurled by nearly 2,000 striking copper miners. Operation Big MAC followed a 10-day cooling off period arranged by Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt.



Last-minute baton training in Thatcher



Who Is She?

She just doesn't seem to be that happy in what probably was an Easter dress. Don't let that frown fool you, today she's a pretty jovial person to be around. Who is this person who today is employed at DPS? Guess correctly and win either a denim or polo shirt courtesy of the Associated Highway Patrolmen of Arizona.

Interdepartmental e-mail entries should be addressed to Art Coughanour, badge no. 3131. Please remember to include your badge number with your entry.

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 The Digest, mail drop 1200

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Winner of the June contest was Charles "Duke" McNeese of the Armory. Duke was one of eight people to correctly identify the teenager with squinty eyes as retired Flagstaff DPS Officer Mark Hall. A drawing determined the winner.

Inside DPS

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Hall, Mark S., 2373, Officer

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Ideus, Lynn R., 2378, Sergeant

Kurgan, Adam M., 2381, Sergeant

Lane, Jack G., 2382, Lieutenant

Quijada, Roque S., 2391, Lieutenant

Raynor, Jeffrey E., 2392, Commander

NEW EMPLOYEES

Callister, Virginia Y., 6237, Officer

Hicha, Paul R., 6240, Security Officer

Holmes, James E., 6236, Laboratory Tech.

McCall, Thomas J., 6242, Police Communications Dispatcher

Ruiz, Teresa A., 6239, Criminal Records Specialist

Sabelhaus, Ralph F., 6238, Telecommunications Technician

Vaughn, Leanne M., 6241, Police Communications Dispatcher

Zenker, Mark M., 6243, Criminalist I

RETIRING

Lemoine, Gregory L., 3433, Officer, 19 years

DEPARTURES

Burns, Eric, 6229, Cadet Officer

Cesolini, David R., 6190, Cadet Officer

Crandell, Wendall R., 6191, Cadet Officer

Jarvensivu, Jeffrey J., 5248, Criminal Intelligence Analyst

Masad, Rita D., 5394, Administrative Assistant

Schroeder, Linda A., 6221, Criminal Records Specialist

Scrivener, David H., 6147, Officer

Shelley, Kristen R., 5063, Officer

BIRTHS

Madelyn Glori Armstrong – 6 lbs., 9 oz., 17 ¾ inches. Born June 24 at Flagstaff Medical Center to Officer Jim Armstrong and wife, Elaine. Jim is a Highway Patrol officer assigned to District 2, Flagstaff.

Sean Michael Diehl – 8 lbs., 9 oz., 22 inches. Born June 24 at Flagstaff Medical Center to Sgt. Jerry Diehl and wife, Sandy. Jerry is assigned to SOU/EOD, Flagstaff.

Shelby Ann Faughn – 7 lbs., 13 oz., 19 ¾ inches. Born June 25 at Yavapai Regional Medical Center, Prescott, to Officer Travis Faughn and wife, Cheryl. Travis is a Highway Patrol officer assigned to District 12 Prescott.

Samuel Lee Chase – 8 lbs., 2 oz., 21 ½ inches. Born June 26 at Navapache Regional Hospital, Show Low to Officer Dean Chase and wife, Tammy. Dean is a Highway Patrol officer assigned to District 3, Sanders.

Sadie Marie Rummel – 6 lbs., 14 oz., 21 inches. Born July 7 at Thunderbird Samaritan Hospital, Glendale, to Angie Rummel and her husband, Mark. Angie is an analyst with Human Resources, Phoenix.

OBITUARIES

Hazel Jacobs, 79, passed away June 25 in Hodgenville, Ken. She was the mother of Lt. David Myers, a supervisor in the Training and Management Services Bureau, Agency Support Division.

COP SWAP

For sale: Complete set of Scuba equipment, \$1200. Bob, Tucson OpComm, 520-746-4611 or EMS at Badge No. 5941.

Anti-spam law ready

Arizona's anti-spam law, set to take effect in mid September, requires that unsolicited commercial e-mail messages contain the letters ADV in the subject line.

It also requires recipients be provided with an easy way to have their names deleted from the sender's list. Additionally, it prohibits the use of false or misleading subject lines and outlaws the use of a third party's Internet address or domain name.

The law applies only if a message is sent from Arizona or if the recipients provider is based in Arizona.

Letters

Dear Director Garrett:

My son was coming home from Scottsdale at about 12:30 a.m. and was traveling on the freeway when his car broke down leaving him stranded on the freeway.

He had been sitting there for 90 minutes, awaiting a tow truck, when Lt. Ramon Figueroa stopped to see if he needed assistance. My son was a nervous wreck because the tow company said it would take three to four hours before they could respond.

Lt. Figueroa talked to my son and calmed him down. The lieutenant and I talked via cell phone and he assured me that everything would be fine and he had an officer in the area that would keep an eye on him.

That's when Officer Richard Bottoms showed up.

My wife was a nervous wreck over this and after learning that DPS officers were on the scene, she calmed down.

Officer Bottoms called another tow company to have the car towed to my son's apartment. Officer Bottoms waited with him until the tow truck arrived.

The officers involved with this problem need to be recognized for their assistance and courtesy.

Now days, everybody takes the police for granted and believe that they do a lousy job.

But when a problems arises, they all expect them to do their job with no thanks involved. That is why I'm writing this letter, to thank the officers involved.

Patrick J. Kehoe
Vancouver, Wash.

Dear Director Garrett:

I commend the efforts of Commander Bob Halliday, Commander Mike Orose and Lt. Jerry Spencer for their assistance in providing security to an important witness during a recent trial.

Shortly after the commencement of the trial, an incident occurred in court which led us to believe that there were serious threats to the safety of the state's witnesses. The case agent from the state Attorney General's Office contacted DPS to assist in providing security for the witnesses.

DPS provided great service and assistance in helping keep an important witness safe until she had completed her testimony. As a result of the work from all investigators and participants in this trial, three major drug traffickers were convicted and received lengthy prison sentences.

Again, I sincerely thank DPS for its assistance in this matter.

Billie A. Rosen
Office of the Attorney General

Dear Director Garrett:

On behalf of the mayor, the council and the citizens of Patagonia, I express our appreciation for the excellent service provided to the town by DPS Sgt. Vincent Fero during his tenure as interim marshal. I also express the community's appreciation for the efforts of Lt. Terry DeBoer who facilitated the preparation and execution of the intergovernmental agreement that made Sgt. Fero's services available to the town.

In reviewing Sgt. Fero's report to the mayor, one can easily see that, prior to his arrival, the Patagonia Marshal's Office was a ship adrift at sea. The sheer number of issues in need of resolution was overwhelming. Without reacting to personal opinions, accusations and rumors he was inundated with, he took the time to investigate and evaluate each issue and implement appropriate corrective actions as necessary. Sgt. Fero's objectivity and professional approach to problem solving helped restore the community's faith in the mayor and council with respect to internal issues of the marshal's office and set the course for future departmental operations.

Based upon the accomplishments Sgt. Fero was able to achieve in the relatively short period of time he spent as interim marshal, I believe that he possesses the administrative, human resources and leadership skills to excel in his law enforcement career. DPS can be proud to have an officer of caliber in its employ.

Randy Heiss
Patagonia Town Clerk

Dear Director Garrett

Recently, we had a very unusual case in Graham County. Three dead babies were found in a storage shed. The babies were left in the shed for more than 10 years. The renter of the storage shed left Graham County in 1992. Initially, we did not know who the babies were or who their mother was. Needless to say, this was a difficult case to solve.

A number of law enforcement agencies joined together in a task force to help solve this case. DPS was very much involved in providing assistance to Graham County law enforcement. Sgt. Lynn Ideus was instrumental in assisting with this case and providing guidance on how the case should be investigated. Although a number of other DPS officers were instrumental in working this case, Detective Bruce Weddle went

above the call of duty.

Our task force determined that the renter of the storage shed had moved to Pennsylvania. Detective Weddle volunteered to fly to Pennsylvania to find the renter of the storage shed. After working most of the day, Detective Weddle drove to Phoenix flew out of Arizona around midnight that Friday. He arrived in Pennsylvania early Saturday morning. Detective Weddle and Graham County Sheriff's Office Detective Diane Thomas were able to find the renter of the storage shed. They had a strong suspicion that the renter of the storage shed was also the mother of the three dead babies. At first, the two investigators were not able to obtain the necessary information. Detective Weddle followed his instinct and was able to help solve the mystery.

Although Detective Weddle explained how he was able to determine the renter of the storage shed was also the mother of the three dead babies, I am still overwhelmed with his work. His actions were nothing short of brilliant. The mother of the dead babies has been charged with three counts of second degree murder in New York state.

Detective Weddle demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and willingness to complete a tough assignment. Because Detective Weddle assisted in solving this mystery, he made all those around him look better. I appreciate his team effort and hard work.

I have always been impressed with Detective Weddle. His investigations are always complete and thorough. I have come to trust Detective Weddle completely and without question.

Kenneth A. Angle
Graham County Attorney

Dear Director Garrett:

On June 26, my wife, my daughter and myself were on Highway 77 near Globe when our car broke down.

Cell phone service was not available, thus we were unable to call anyone for help. Thankfully, a passerby eventually stopped and offered to find an officer to assist us. When Officer Pedro Peña was informed of our predicament, he immediately responded. Officer Peña contacted the dispatcher and asked them to call for help. Officer Peña stood in the extreme heat with us until my son-in-law arrived.

Officer Peña exhibits the true character of a DPS officer. He is kind, considerate, and above all, he places the well being and safety of others first. We commend Officer Peña and DPS for their dedication.

Nick Puhara
Globe

Kingman native Ben Smith retires from DPS after 35 years

DPS Sgt. Ben Smith, who was born and raised in Kingman, recently retired from DPS following 35 years of service.

Smith, who also is a sports official with the Arizona Interscholastic Association in his spare time, started his career with the Arizona Highway Patrol in January of 1968 prior to the formation of DPS.

His first assignment following graduation from the Highway Patrol academy was to Houck, a small Interstate 40 community in northeastern Arizona. About three years later, he transferred to his hometown of Kingman.

After patrolling highways in the Kingman area for about two years, Smith, badge no. 661, transferred to Phoenix where he worked narcotics. He remained with the Narcotics squad for about four and half years. In 1977, Smith was promoted to sergeant and spent two years assigned to an administrative position in Phoenix.

In 1979, Smith transferred back to the Highway Patrol and worked as a road sergeant in the Phoenix-area.

Some 18 months later, he began supervising a squad of Phoenix-area motorcycle officers. He served as a motor supervisor for about three years before returning to Kingman to serve within the Department's Criminal Investigations Division.

After about three years in that position, Smith transferred back to the Highway Patrol as a road sergeant.

He remained in his hometown of Kingman where he eventually became a supervisor within the Highway Patrol's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau, remaining with that bureau until retiring June 30.

Smith said he enjoyed his career with DPS because he was able to serve in a variety of interesting assignments.

Smith said his favorite moments with the agency took place during the past few years while he was assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau.

"I truly enjoyed working in the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau because I was able to travel quite a bit and work with some very seasoned, experienced officers," said Smith, adding that he also appreciated his time as a motor supervisor in the early 1980s because there was never a dull moment.

Smith said that he also experienced some extremely sad, tragic moments during his career.

On Feb. 5, 1971, Smith was the first officer to respond to a road-side shooting scene on I-40 near Houck where fellow patrolman and friend, Jim Keeton, had been

shot and killed.

When he arrived at the scene and noticed that Keeton was deceased, he heard another patrolman, Don Beckstead, come on the radio advising that he had also just been shot.

Smith quickly responded to the scene of Beckstead's shooting and rushed his friend to a hospital in Gallup, N.M., where he was wheeled directly into surgery.

Unfortunately, Beckstead died from the gunshot wounds a few days later while being airlifted to a hospital in Albuquerque.

The man who shot and killed Keeton was the same person who shot Beckstead. The man, Bertram Greenberg, was a suspect in the rape and murder of a 13-year-old California girl at the time he shot the two Highway Patrol officers.

After shooting the two officers, Greenberg kidnapped and killed another person in New Mexico before troopers in that state shot and killed him later that evening.

"The death of my friends Beckstead and Keeton really changed the way I viewed my

job for the rest of my career," said Smith, adding that the death of the two officers also resulted in DPS making a number of significant policy changes to increase officer safety.

Another tragic moment in Smith's career took place on July 19, 1973, when a railroad tanker explosion in Kingman resulted in the deaths of 13 people, including DPS Officer Alan Hansen.

Smith was with Hansen at a hospital shortly before he died from injuries he suffered in the explosion that occurred within blocks of the Department's headquarters in Kingman.

Smith, who is married and has two grown children, said he has no plans of returning to work full-time but he does plan to continue working part-time officiating basketball, baseball, and softball games at the high school and adult levels, something he has done for the past 25 years.

About a year prior to his retirement, Smith was named supervisor of the year for the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau in the Kingman area.

Mother-daughter team caught with 20 kilos of cocaine near Flagstaff on I-40

Mother and daughter must have a real close relationship, especially when it comes to transporting cocaine.

While patrolling east-bound I-40 about 20 miles east of Flagstaff on July 14, DPS Canine Officer Casey Kasun stopped a rented Ford SUV for improper lane usage. Kasun told the Duty Office that while talking to the pair, he noticed several indicators of criminal activity. During his conversation with the California women, Kasun received consent to search the vehicle and deployed his canine, Barry, for a sniff and search.

With Barry at his side Kasun said he noticed that the spare tire had been moved. He also noticed that the weights used to balance the tires had been shifted, prompting the officer to release some air out of the tire so that Barry could get a good whiff. That maneuver got a positive reaction from the canine.

Kasun then found 20 kilos of cocaine, valued at about \$2 million, packed inside the spare. DPS Sgt. Jeff Brownlee told area media that the cocaine was destined for Maryland.

Kasun arrested the 48-year-old mother and her 23-year-old daughter. The daughter's 18-month-old child was turned over to Child Protective Services, Brownlee said, adding that the two adult women were

booked into the Coconino County Jail with bail set at \$150,000 for each woman.

Along with the various drug-related accusations, they also face child abuse and child endangerment charges.

Cell phone use may be even riskier than DUI

Conversing on cell phones while driving disrupts a driver's attention to the visual environment, leading to what University of Utah researchers call "inattention blindness," or the inability to recognize objects encountered in the driver's visual field.

The University of Utah study also maintains that driver distractions due to cell phones use can occur regardless of whether hand-held or hands-free cell phones are used, and that cell-phone conversations create much higher levels of driver distractions than listening to the radio or audio books.

The researchers also believe that cell phone use while driving may be even riskier than driving under the influence.

The study was completed by researchers David Strayer, Frank Drews and William Johnston at the University of Utah and appears in the February/March 2003 issue of the National Safety Council's publication of *Injury Insights*.

DPS dispatchers anxiously awaiting new computer-aided dispatch system

Dispatchers at DPS are anxiously awaiting the arrival of a very historical, exciting event - the installation of the agency's first computer-aided dispatch system (CAD).

The installation of the CAD system, scheduled to begin in February, will undoubtedly be the largest technological leap forward the agency's dispatchers have ever experienced. The CAD system will also significantly change the way DPS dispatchers do their jobs.

Debbie Henry, administrative manager of DPS' Operational Communications Bureau, said the installation of a CAD system will basically propel the Department's dispatchers from the "dark ages" of police dispatching into a "new world full of amazing communications capabilities and efficiency."

"When our dispatchers begin using this new system, it will be hard for them to imagine that they were doing their jobs the hard way for so long," said Henry, adding that the CAD system will dramatically increase efficiency and speed within DPS' communications centers.

As part of the \$4 million project, which is supported through the Highway Users Revenue Fund (HURF), DPS will also begin replacing the antiquated Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) in its Phoenix and Tucson-area patrol cars with powerful, sophisticated Mobile Data Computers (MDCs).

The new MDC's, to be installed after the CAD system is operational, will allow DPS officers to perform sophisticated computing and inquiry functions via a powerful computer directly from their patrol vehicles.

The MDCs will also give officers who have the system access to much of the "real-time" information dispatchers will have available through the new CAD system, Henry said.

If the agency can obtain additional funding, another element of the massive improvement project will involve the installation of tracking devices in DPS patrol cars. If the devices are installed, Henry said the new CAD system will be able to track the exact location of DPS patrol cars at all times and reveal their locations to dispatchers on computerized maps.

Because the CAD system will know the exact location of each officer and what officers are doing, it can even inform dispatchers which officer to dispatch to a particular incident based on the officer's location and availability.

However, dispatchers and officers, not the CAD system, will always be able to make

the final call on which officer/s are needed to respond to a particular incident.

Henry said the CAD system will also maintain a computerized file of all "attempt to locate" (ATL) or "all-points bulletin" (APB) information that has been broadcast making it readily available to the dispatcher and officer.

Previously, dispatchers and officers tried to rely on their memory to cross reference ATL information with hundreds of stops and checks.

Henry said the CAD system will also automatically alert dispatchers when a particular officer has not been heard from for a specified period of time and remind the dispatcher to perform a "security check" on that officer.

DPS' communications center in Phoenix will be the first center at the agency to have the CAD system installed. Shortly after the system is installed in Phoenix, the CAD system will be installed at the communications center in Tucson. Later, it will be installed at the communications center in Flagstaff.

When all three systems are operational, which should be as early as next summer, they will work together and function as a single, dynamic communications network that will tie all three of DPS' communications centers together.

Henry said the cohesiveness of the network will be invaluable when dispatchers are managing and dispatching incidents, such as pursuits, that cross district boundaries and have to be dispatched through another DPS communications center.

Currently, without a CAD system, Henry said the three dispatch centers at DPS have to place time consuming telephone calls to each other when an incident crosses certain district boundaries. With the CAD system, all three centers can essentially function as one if needed, Henry said.

Routine patrol was anything but normal

Routine patrol that early July 9 Wednesday morning turned into a very unusual experience for DPS Highway Patrol Officer Steve Norlin thanks to a tracking system installed in a stolen vehicle.

Norlin was patrolling the area of 35th Avenue and Interstate 10 in west Phoenix when the LoJack tracking system in his patrol car began beeping and flashing a code on the system's monitor indicating that a stolen

CAD will change dispatchers' work

When the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system becomes operational at DPS, it will significantly change the way the agency's dispatchers do their jobs.

Since the beginning of the Arizona Highway Patrol in the early 1930's, dispatchers at the agency have essentially been using nothing other than their memories and dozens of documents, such as handwritten "incident cards," to aid in dispatching and keeping track of hundreds of officers and their non-stop activities.

When activity by officers in the field intensifies, dispatchers at DPS have to perform skilled, high-speed shuffling acts to quickly locate the appropriate "incident card" or document that contains information needed by officers.

The "incident cards" and documents are often piled high or spread apart on a dispatcher's console and must be relocated when handwritten updates about incidents need to be added to a card.

While a dispatcher is shuffling through such documents, several new "incident cards" about new emergencies may be arriving from DPS call takers. The dispatcher must then organize the new cards while dispatching officers to the new incidents.

This process can be very stressful especially because dispatchers are always trying to maintain a general mental picture of all activity occurring in their area.

At the same time, dispatchers are performing other important tasks like registration checks, officer safety checks, telephone calls, and regular dispatching of new incidents.

In addition, it is not uncommon for personnel in DPS' communications centers to have to physically leave their busy workstations in order to relay an incident card or documents to another person.

Debbie Henry, administrative manager of DPS's Operational Communication's Bureau, said the CAD system will dramatically simplify the dispatching process by organizing every resource a dispatcher needs and placing it at his/her fingertips through a computer network.

Resources can be accessed immediately by dispatchers with the push of a button on their computer, including current "alert" and "bulletin" type information.

In addition, Henry said information that needs to be sent to another dispatcher can be relayed instantaneously by the CAD system and dispatchers will no longer have to

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guidelines and requires states seeking a reciprocity agreement to meet the criteria established by the legislation pertaining to concealed weapons as mandated in Arizona.

"In the past, it was pretty much left up to DPS to establish reciprocity agreements with other states concerning concealed weapons," Lane said. "What we have now are actual guidelines to follow ensuring that other states meet our criteria before we enter into a CCW reciprocity agreement."

Another key piece of legislation provides relief to retirees unsure about whether lawmakers would again provide a subsidy to be used toward their health care premiums.

"The legislature extended the supplemental medical insurance premium subsidy for all our retirees," Lane said. "It was scheduled to expire June 30, but has been extended to June 30, 2005. Without this legislation, premiums would have skyrocketed and would have really impacted retirees."

The Internet legislation approved by lawmakers makes it illegal for state employees to knowingly use state computers to access, download, print, or store any information that depicts nudity or sexual activity.

"This law basically says that agencies may discipline or terminate any employee guilty of this violation," Lane said. "At DPS, we already have similar rules in place. The legislation also requires each agency to produce an information bulletin about the law and distribute a copy to each employee."

The law enforcement officer rights bill basically allows an officer to have a representative, other than an attorney, present during an administrative interview if the employee reasonably believes the interview could result in dismissal, demotion or suspension, Lane said.

"The representative is only allowed to observe, and must be from the same agency," Lane said, adding that this does not apply to routine course-of-duty interviews and informal admonishments.

going and new incidents for dispatchers through what are essentially "time-stamped" computer files that can be opened and updated instantaneously.

Each incident will have its own file within the CAD and any data a dispatcher types into the CAD about an incident will attach itself to the appropriate file. It will be possible for dispatchers to retrieve all of the information ever entered on a particular incident with a quick click of the mouse or push of a button.

In the end, Henry said the CAD will allow dispatchers to perform faster, more efficient dispatching and handling of emergency calls from the public and officers. Henry said emergency calls will be processed much faster because call takers will no longer have to physically leave their workstations to hand-deliver "incident cards" to dispatchers. The CAD system will instantaneously route input about incidents reported by the public or other officers to the appropriate dispatcher as it is inputted by a call taker.

The CAD system will know exactly what dispatcher should receive information from an emergency call based largely on the roadway and milepost in which the incident is taking place. Because it will be programmed specifically for DPS, the CAD will know which highways and mileposts are in which district, Henry said.

Currently, without CAD, dispatchers and call takers at DPS have to basically memorize all highways and corresponding mileposts in the various districts.

When a dispatcher receives an emergency call from the public, they record information from the call by hand and have to quickly determine which district the incident is occurring in by referencing their memory of highways and mileposts.

Then, the call taker has to physically leave his/her workstation to hand deliver the information to the dispatcher responsible for dispatching calls in the area where the incident is taking place.

With the CAD, Henry said call takers will simply enter information from an emergency call into the CAD and the information will instantaneously appear as a "new call" on the appropriate dispatcher's computer screen. He or she will then dispatch officers to the call. The process will be extremely quick, Henry said.

In addition, the CAD will also allow officers seeking information from dispatchers, such as license plate numbers or department report numbers, to receive it much faster.

After all, dispatchers will simply have to hit a button to pull up all information about an incident rather than shuffling through dozens of documents to find it.

Henry said the CAD will also keep dispatchers up to date on important alerts and bulletin information for their area. The CAD will also interface with the important inquiry functions dispatchers and officers need to perform such things as registration checks.

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vehicle was in the area.

An arrow on the monitor pointed Norlin in the right direction and within minutes, the five-year DPS veteran spotted the stolen 1999 LoJack-equipped GMC Suburban parked behind a residence near 37th Avenue and McDowell Road.

Recovering a stolen car is enough to make any officer's day, but Norlin's excitement didn't end there. Inside the stolen Suburban, partially concealed by some sleeping bags, Norlin found 1,400 pounds of marijuana.

"I didn't expect to find what we found in the vehicle," Norlin said. "That's an added plus. That's a lot of dope."

Nor did Norlin's day end there. A short while later, another 75 pounds of marijuana was located inside a residence being visited by the three suspects, all Mexican nationals, who were arrested for their roles in stealing the Suburban.

Steve Volden, DPS media relations officer, said the contraband was bundled in 103-pound packages.

Investigators said the vehicle was stolen May 7 in El Cajon, Calif., and probably was in the Phoenix area less than a day.

The three suspects were booked on possession and transporting marijuana charges, said DPS Sgt. Jim Messerly.

State traffic fatalities show increase

During 2002, some 1,117 people died in state vehicles crashes, up 6.3 percent from 2001, according to Michael Frias, deputy director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

The increase marked the fifth straight year that the number of motor vehicle fatalities have increased.

Frias told *The Arizona Republic* that his office, along with other state agencies, has launched public education campaigns targeting seat belt usage, driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs and speeding.

California and Florida, along with Arizona, are the only three states in the United States which say traffic fatalities increase in 2002.

Trujillo ...

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to assistant scientific analysis superintendent, the position he held at retirement.

Outside of his crime lab responsibilities, Trujillo enjoyed playing basketball and softball. In basketball, he excelled in three-on-three competitions with his team capturing frequent gold medals in various Police Olympics competitions. He also was a member of a DPS softball team which captured a silver medal in the national Police Olympics.

Upon retirement, Trujillo said there are plenty of chores around the house, most of which undoubtedly will be completed under the supervision of his wife Jackie, a former graphic artist at DPS.

He also plans to travel the United States a bit and devote some time to a developing pool cue business.

"I plan to see some of America I really never had the time to see because of my job," Trujillo said. "Before, when I took a vacation, I always worried about what was waiting for me at the office when I returned. Now I don't have that worry."

Trujillo also said he remains an intermittent employee of the Department and may help out on an DPS/FBI training project involving native American police officers.

"I already miss the associations and friendships that I have at DPS," Trujillo said. "But, I don't miss the meetings. Retirement right now is like being on vacation except you have this better feeling that things aren't piling up on you at the office."

Outside of DPS, Trujillo has been quite active with Phoenix West Elks Lodge 2729 longer than he has been with the Department. In 1978-79 he served as the lodge's exalted ruler.

His retirement party also benefitted his Elks Lodge. Those attending his free retirement dinner at the Lodge were asked to donate to the lodge's building fund. The event, which drew more than 200 people, raised more than \$1,400 which will probably be used for new carpeting and flooring at the west Phoenix facility.

Tributes that flowed at the event targeted Trujillo for some good-natured ribbing. But, when it came to a photo slide presentation for Trujillo, there simply wasn't an abundance of photos highlighting his career.

That's the way Trujillo was. He enjoyed working behind the scenes without trumpets heralding successes.

The war on drugs

DPS Officer Jason Lord arrested one suspect on drug-related charges after locating an abandoned vehicle that had been involved in a previous collision July 11 about 20 miles south of Gila Bend on S.R. 85.

Inside the 2002 Ford pickup truck, Lord found 605 pounds of marijuana which was seized along with the truck. Upon further investigation, Lord told the Duty Office that he later found and arrested the driver following a short foot pursuit in the desert.

A traffic stop July 9 on I-10 near 91st Avenue in Tolleson cost this motorist a lot of money. During the course of the traffic stop, DPS Highway Patrol Officer David Porter told the Duty Office that he found and seized \$27,795 in cash. He also impounded the man's 2003 Chevrolet pickup truck.

For DPS Highway Patrol Officer Don Mattus, his persistence resulted in a substantial marijuana seizure July 9.

After the Tucson officer stopped a vehicle on I-10 for a lane violation, the driver apparently had a change of heart and bolted. With Mattus in pursuit, the freeway caper moved off the interstate into a business area forcing the DPS officer to ditch the chase for safety reasons.

But Mattus wasn't about to abandon ship. A short time later, the Duty Office reported that Mattus resumed the pursuit after watching the suspect and his vehicle return to the interstate. Using the shoulder to pass several cars on the freeway, the drug-smuggling suspect again maneuvered his vehicle off the freeway before coming to a stop and fleeing on foot, abandoning 447 pounds of marijuana and a loaded revolver.

Mattus said attempts by responding law enforcement personnel to locate the fugitive proved unsuccessful.

An equipment violation proved to be the undoing for this marijuana-smuggling suspect.

DPS Highway Patrol Officer Michael McLaren told the Duty Office that he stopped the vehicle on July 8, just a few miles east of Yuma on I-8. With assistance from fellow DPS Officer Dwayne Aulds, McLaren said he found 355 pounds of marijuana hidden in the bed of the pick-up truck.

These two suspected drug runners didn't have a tiger in their tank, only meth and it proved to be their undoing.

Highway Patrol Officer Jay Hutton said he stopped the vehicle July 5 on I-40 about five miles east of Flagstaff for speeding. After observing indicators of drug trafficking, Hutton initiated his search eventually finding 2.5 pounds of methamphetamine inside the gas tank.

The discovery also led to the seizure of the 2001 four-door vehicle and slightly more than \$1,100 in currency.

A DPS Highway Patrol officer and a canine handler made life a bit difficult for this motorist.

Highway Patrol Officer James Haas said he stopped the driver of the 1993 Marquis for a traffic violation and during the stop he noticed indicators of criminal activity.

He then called for the assistance of Chris Hemmen and his canine, Kira. After Kira alerted to the trunk area, the two DPS officers searched the vehicle and came up with 415 pounds of marijuana.

The officers also seized nearly \$1,000 in cash along with the vehicle and contraband during the July 1 traffic stop on I-17 near Cordes Junction.

A couple hours later that day in nearly the same location, Hemmen and Kira struck again.

This time they took on someone who certainly wasn't a rock of Gibraltar in the world of crime.

Hemmen told the Duty Office that he stopped the Ford F250 pickup truck for a registration violation. While questioning the driver, the man admitted that he was transporting a substantial amount of marijuana. The ensuing search produced 631 pounds of the illegal leafy substance.

Hemmen was also told by the motorist that a 2003 Ford Escape SUV was providing escort for his pickup. The SUV eventually was located and stopped.

Both drivers were arrested and both vehicles were seized.

Gila Bend Highway Patrol Officer James Anderson assisted U.S. Customs in pursuing a vehicle that later was abandoned by its driver.

The incident occurred July 2 on I-8 about 20 miles west of Gila Bend. Anderson said the driver and passengers abandoned the vehicle after it went through a right of way fence and stopped leaving behind 1,352 pounds of marijuana. The suspects were not apprehended.

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Down the Highways

August 1968

The Arizona Highway Patrol pistol team, led by overall champion Charlie Sanders, captured first place in the Rocky Mountain Open Police Combat Matches conducted in Fort Collins, Colo., Aug. 24-25.

During the competition, Sanders was first in two individual events and second in another. Team members Ken Chlarson and Hank Shearer also collected first-place finishes in individual competitions while Sgt. Harold Johnson had a second-place finish.

While patrolling S.R. 84 near Coolidge Aug. 13, Arizona Highway Patrolman Jim Martin stopped a man to advise him not to walk on the pavement.

During the conversation, Martin was not satisfied with the pedestrian's demeanor. While searching him after placing the suspect under arrest, Martin had a .22-caliber pistol pulled on him.

The man then disarmed Martin and ordered the patrolman to get into the patrol car.

While traveling, Martin was able to place his microphone near his leg, keying it intermittently, thus alerting Claypool Dispatcher Richard Ulrich that something was wrong. In doing this, he also was able to give his exact location.

About 10 miles west of Stanfield, the man ordered Martin to stop. The gunman exited the patrol car and ran into the desert where he apparently died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The body was found by AHP Lt. Bill Hangar along with Patrolmen Frank Gillette and Gary Godbold.

August 1973

DPS Officers Bill Hughes and Bob Pierson were pictured in *The Arizona Republic* Aug. 1 removing nickels from a slot machine confiscated in an April 30 raid of an American Legion post in Tombstone.

When the machines were emptied, they were crushed by a bulldozer at the Phoenix city dump on south 19th Avenue.

August 1978

Arizona's biggest manhunt came to an end Aug. 22 when a chemical worker found the bloated, decomposing body of prison escapee Gary Tison in a remote desert area about 23 miles south of Casa Grande.

The search included hundreds of law enforcement officers from Arizona. Authorities in New Mexico and Colorado were also involved in the search at some point.

With the aid of his three sons, Tison and fellow inmate Randy Greenawalt staged their prison break July 30. During the next 13 days, the Tison Gang murdered six people before running into a roadblock Aug. 11 south of Casa Grande at Chuichu Road.

Greenawalt and two of Tison's sons were captured at the roadblock while another died of gunshot wounds suffered in the early-dawn gun battle.

Tison managed to escape during the confusion surrounding the gun battle. Eleven days later, his body was found about a mile from the roadblock site. He died from exposure, investigators said.

August 1988

DPS Director Ralph Milstead promoted Ken Loeffler, Ken Haw, Dean Nyhart and

Ramon Figueroa to sergeant during ceremonies in the Director's Office.

Eight DPS officers were involved in a shooting Aug. 22 near Holbrook which left a Tucson rape suspect fatally wounded.

The officers shot Booker T. Washington, 24, after he pointed a pistol at them following a chase at speeds up to 130 mph on Interstate 40. Washington was initially sought by Tucson police after he beat up his girlfriend and her parents and threatened them with a gun Aug. 21.

A short time later, he abducted a Tucson couple, a 19-year-old man and an 18-year-old woman, at gunpoint. Booker eventually raped the woman and escaped to northern Arizona where the pursuit and shooting incident occurred.

August 1993

A Tucson man faced four felony charges in connection with the July 3 traffic death of DPS Reserve Sgt. Mark Dryer.

D-13 Commander Lt. Mike Lockhart said a Pinal County grand jury, on Aug. 12, indicted Charles Robert Rensier, 33, Tucson, for manslaughter, use of a dangerous drug (methamphetamine), reckless endangerment and driving under the influence (drugs).

Dryer, a 12-year reserve, was standing beside the driver's side door talking to a motorist he had stopped for speeding that Fourth of July weekend when he was struck by a vehicle driven by Rensier. Dryer died several hours later in Phoenix following surgery at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center.